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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS: POST RAISES CASE OF CANADIAN CITIZEN
HUSEYINCAN CELIL

REF: STATE 12498

Classified By: Political Section Internal Unit Chief Susan A. Thornton.
Reasons 1.4 (b/d).

[1](#)1. (C) Poloff delivered reftel message concerning detained Canadian citizen Huseyincan Celil to Ministry of Foreign Affairs International Organizations Department Human Rights officer Xu Jing February 1, underlining that Chinese authorities should inform Celil's family of his whereabouts and allow his relatives and Canadian consular officials access to him on humanitarian grounds. Poloff urged that Celil be accorded due process and be granted access to a lawyer as soon as possible to ensure that his human rights are respected.

[1](#)2. (C) Xu had no information about the case but promised to look into it and to share our requests with senior MFA officials.

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